

Catholic School; Megan Jones, Mahaffey Middle School; Melissa Starks, Trigg Co. Middle School; Molly Ware Stuard, Todd Co. Middle School; Nadeem Ramzi Haroun, Hopkinsville Middle School; Rachel Brown, Heritage Christian Academy; Sarah Elaine Howell, Christian Co. Middle School; Sarah Elizabeth Fields, University Heights Academy; Chelsea Rae Prince, North Drive Middle School; Chris Kirkman, Heritage Christian Academy; Erin Hamilton Oakley, Trigg Co. Middle School; George W. Barnes, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School; Helen G. Crenshaw, Hopkinsville Middle School; Hunter Carroll, Todd Co. Middle School; John Paul Bointnott, Caldwell Co. Middle School; Kaleb Anderson Greene, University Heights Academy; Kelsey Fish, Mahaffey Middle School; Lindsay Elizabeth Gray, Christian Co. Middle School.

These students embody the spirit, commitment, and sacrifice that we all should strive for in our daily lives. The citizens of Kentucky should be proud to have these young men and women in their community. Their example of dedication and hard work should be an inspiration to the entire Commonwealth. I extend my thanks to these students for their efforts, and I am proud to bring their accomplishments to the attention of the Senate.●

BONEAL INCORPORATED

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate Boneal Incorporated of Means, KY. This company has been named Regional Prime Contractor of the Year for Region IV by the Small Business Administration in Washington, DC.

Boneal has been chosen for this award among companies from Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Boneal is now eligible to win the Small Business Administration's National Prime Contractor of the Year Award, which will be given out during Small Business Week from April 25 to 28.

This is not the first time Boneal has been recognized for its success. In both 2000 and 2001, Boneal received the Quality Supplier Award from the United States Postal Service. In 2002, the company was named "Kentucky Industry of the Year" by Associated Industries of Kentucky and received the "2002 Small Business Administration Award for Excellence."

The citizens of Kentucky should be proud of this small company. Their success serves as an example of how Kentucky's economy can take off and adjust to the 21st Century. Boneal Incorporated's know-how and hard work should be an inspiration to the business community of the Commonwealth. I wish them continued success in the future.●

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OF NORTHERN DELAWARE

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Fair Housing Month and the efforts of Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, HOND. On April 4, 2005, HOND will hold their 22nd Annual Proclamation Signing Ceremony. Their theme for this year will be "Diversifying our neighborhoods with quality by building relationships through culture and lifestyles."

In April 2005, the nation will observe the 37th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, the groundbreaking legislation that affirmed in this country the right of every citizen to obtain the housing of their choice without being limited by race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or familial status.

Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc. is a non-profit organization promoting fair and equal housing opportunities in the sale and rental of housing in Delaware. HOND also provides housing programs which support the mission of equal access to housing and provides information about the law and housing programs available to Delaware residents. HOND is governed by a board of directors composed of a cross-section of business and community representatives.

HOND is unique in that they were created primarily to provide fair housing law education to Delaware residents. Their mission is to eradicate housing discrimination through education, advocacy, and enforcement of local and national laws, and to promote fair and equal access to housing in rental, sales, homeowner insurance, and mortgages wherever one may choose to live.

It is well known that fair housing opens doors of opportunity. To communicate this belief, HOND focuses its activities around six functions. The first is education. HOND provides current information about housing and fair housing practices to existing community groups and counseling agencies. A variety of workshops, seminars and literature are developed for consumers, community groups, housing professionals and private business persons.

The second is compliance. HOND works with and encourages realtors, bankers, apartment managers, landlords and others to comply with fair housing regulations. HOND also works closely with government agencies including FDIC, HUD, State Human Relations Office and Commission, the City of Wilmington and New Castle County.

Direct assistance is the third function. HOND provides assistance and counseling to individuals who believe they are victims of unfair housing practices. HOND works with community groups and counseling agencies that are interested in fair housing.

The fourth function is advocacy. HOND monitors legislation of local, State, and national levels and serves as an advocate for fair housing.

Research is the fifth function. HOND develops and conducts research projects to eliminate inequitable housing practices. Consumers, community groups, and public and private housing organizations participate in these research projects.

Finally, there are special projects. HOND works with community groups, agencies, and others who have projects in mind to promote fair housing.

I rise today to thank Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc. for all that they do in Delaware to better the lives of our residents. Their focus on serving our community is laudable, and I look forward watching their continued success and the impact it has on the people of Delaware.●

THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the services of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW, National Home for Children. Located in Eaton Rapids, MI, the VFW Home for Children has spent the past 80 years caring for the children and families of our Nation's veterans. The National Home's uniquely designed facility provides housing, food, health care, education, training, and counseling for the orphaned children and single-parent families in their care. With 70 buildings, 36 individual family homes, a community center, a guest lodge, and a chapel, the National Home is well-equipped to serve VFW-connected children from around the country.

The VFW National Home for Children provides two distinct programs for its residents: the Residential Program and the Single Parent Family Program. Children without a parent or guardian are placed in the Residential Program and live with professional childcare workers until they graduate from high school or are reunited with a family member. Single parent families are placed in a 3-year program that helps the parent or guardian develop the skills necessary to become self-sufficient. Both programs strive to ensure that the children maintain as normal a living arrangement as possible. Therefore, the community is structured as a typical American neighborhood and is fully integrated into the surrounding community. Children attend public school, live in brick homes instead of dormitories, and are encouraged to participate in community-wide events. Most importantly, both of these programs provide the children involved with what they need the most—a normal childhood.

The VFW National Home for Children is the only organization of its kind in the United States. Their innumerable services have touched the lives of thousands of children and families. Whether it is an orphaned child who has lived at the National Home since infancy, or a struggling family that needs help getting on their feet, virtually everyone